

Attorney for Plaintiff

MARK ROWELL,

vs.

Defendants.

Hon. Paul S. Grewal, Magistrate Judge

- Plaintiff's Exhibit 2

1           4.       The attached exhibit marked as Exhibit B is a true and exact copy of a twelve  
2 page report dated February 15, 2012 regarding Mark Rowell that I authored in conjunction with  
3 Staci R. Stevens, the Executive Director of PFL. Page 12 of the report lists the articles that Ms.  
4 Stevens and I have published that relate to the type of testing that Mr. Rowell underwent at PFL.

5           5.       Mr. Rowell underwent two days of cardiopulmonary exercise testing ("CPET") at  
6 PFL on January 30-31, 2012. CPET is a standard test used in a variety of situations to determine  
7 a patient's functional capacity. For instance, CPET is used to measure athletes' abilities to  
8 exercise. It is also used to assess the degree of impairment in patients suffering from ailments,  
9 such as heart and lung disease. CPET is generally accepted in the scientific and medical  
10 community as a valid means of measuring a person's ability to exert himself. Normal individuals  
11 and even individuals with heart disease, lung disease, and HIV infections are able to reproduce  
12 about the same level exertion on day two of the testing as they were on day one. However,  
13 patients suffering from chronic fatigue syndrome are often unable to reproduce the same level of  
14 exertion on day two.

15           6.       During CPET the test subject exercises on a stationary bike while breathing into a  
16 machine that analyzes the gases expired. Other measures are taken including heart rate and  
17 blood pressure. From the data gathered one can calculate a number of important indicators of the  
18 subject's ability to exert himself. Respiratory exchange ratio ("RER"), the ratio of carbon  
19 dioxide to oxygen consumed by the subject is measured. The subject's volume of oxygen  
20 ("VO"), his or her total oxygen consumption, is measured. His or her ventilation or breaths per  
21 minute is measured. The workload achieved through pedaling the bike is measured. From these  
22 and other measurements, we are able to determine the amount of workload a patient can achieve  
23 before he crosses from aerobic exercise (energy production utilizing oxygen) to anaerobic  
24 exercise (energy production derived from sources that do not require oxygen for metabolism).  
25 This ventilatory/anaerobic threshold ("V/AT") is important because anaerobic energy production  
26 can only be sustained for short periods of time and produces a fatigue effect afterward.  
27 Somebody who frequently crosses the V/AT will frequently feel fatigued. The point of doing the  
28 testing on two consecutive days is to determine whether the subject is able to recover from the

1 exertion performed on the first day. If his or her functional capacity drops significantly on the  
2 second day, it indicates that the patient cannot sustain effort from day to day and likely feels  
3 chronically fatigued. This conclusion is generally accepted in the scientific and medical  
4 community.

5 7. The measurements taken via CPET cannot be faked by the subject. If the subject  
6 were to give less than maximum effort, the data relating to metabolism, ventilation, and heart  
7 rate would clearly show it.

8 8. Mr. Rowell gave excellent effort on the testing at PFL, and the data derived are  
9 valid.

10 9. Mr. Rowell's test results indicate that he is chronically fatigued and that he is  
11 unable to sustain work activity over time. Healthy individuals and those with cardiac, pulmonary  
12 and metabolic diseases show no more than an 8% drop in workload capacity on day two of  
13 CPET testing. Mr. Rowell's workload capacity dropped 30% on day two consistent with marked  
14 impairment in recovering from exertion.

15 10. Mr. Rowell's oxygen consumption at the V/AT is markedly depressed. On both  
16 days of testing his oxygen consumption was 30-33% of normal consistent with moderate-severe  
17 functional impairment.

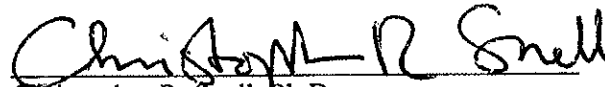
18 11. Mr. Rowell's pulmonary function at peak exercise dropped the second day by  
19 19%. This finding is consistent with a lack of ventilatory drive resulting from muscle fatigue or  
20 a breakdown in central respiratory control. This condition may produce an acidotic state  
21 contributing to prolonged recovery and muscle soreness.

22 12. Mr. Rowell kept a log of his symptoms after the CPET testing, and even after  
23 seven days he had not fully recovered from the test. While this is a subjective measure of  
24 response to exertion, it is consistent with the data obtained during CPET.

25 13. I have concluded that Mr. Rowell is not capable of performing even sedentary work  
26 based on the CPET test results. Extensive research has been done to determine the amount of  
27 energy it takes to do most routine daily activities. We compared Mr. Rowell's exercise capacity  
28 to the amount of energy required to do activities of daily living. Mr. Rowell crosses over into

1 anaerobic energy production when performing tasks such as walking at a normal pace, brushing  
2 his teeth, taking a shower, climbing a flight of stairs, walking to or from work or home to car or  
3 bus or walking on the job in an office. Given that he frequently crosses the V/AT, he is very  
4 likely to feel chronically fatigued. In addition, his recovery time is extended once he has  
5 crossed the V/AT. Therefore, I have concluded that he cannot sustain a level of function  
6 consistent with completing activities of daily living, let alone working, even in a sedentary  
7 capacity.

8 14. I declare that the above is true, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the  
9 United States. Signed in this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February 2012 in Stockton, California.

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### Education

Trent Polytechnic, Nottingham, England, MET, Mechanical Engineering, 1973.  
Bedford College, Bedford, England, B.A. (Honours) Sport Studies. Bachelor's Thesis: "The expressed fears of young children in a competitive situation", completed in May 1987.  
University of Oregon, Eugene, M.S. Sport Psychology. Master's Thesis: "Children's cognitions and moral judgment about the use of steroids in sport", completed in June 1990.  
University of Oregon, Eugene, Ph.D. Exercise and Movement Science. Doctoral Dissertation: "The role of physical experience in education", completed in March 1993.

### Professional Experience

Professor, Department of Sport Sciences, University of the Pacific, 2005 to date  
Associate Professor, Department of Sport Sciences, University of the Pacific, 2000 to 2005  
Associate Professor, Department of Sport Sciences, Department of Curriculum and Instruction (joint appointment), University of the Pacific, 1995 to 2000  
Assistant Professor, Department of Sport Sciences, Department of Curriculum and Instruction (joint appointment), University of the Pacific, 1990 to 1995.

### Professional Responsibilities

#### Administrative

Chair, Department of Sport Sciences, 2005 to 2011  
Health Science Concentration Coordinator.  
Coordinator Mentor Seminar I, 1998

#### Teaching

Sport and Exercise Psychology  
Health Psychology  
Motor Learning and Performance  
Heart, Exercise and Nutrition  
Science of Nutrition  
Health Education for Teachers  
Health, Disease and Pharmacology

### Publications

Snell, C.R. (2012 in press) Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. *McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science & Technology*, 11<sup>th</sup> edition. New York: McGraw-Hill  
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#### Presentations at Conferences and Professional Meetings



Oral Presentations

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- International Association for CFS/ME, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. The Importance of Exercise Challenge, September, 2011.
- National Institutes of Health state of the Knowledge Workshop Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Research, Bethesda, MD. "Exercise Testing and the Assessment of Fatigue in CFS/ME." April, 2011.
- American Physical Therapy Association, Combined Sections Meeting, New Orleans, LA. "How to Help People Who Are Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired: Physical Therapist Management of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome." Davenport, T.E., Stevens, S. R., Van Ness, J., Snell, C., February, 2011.
- International Association for CFS/ME, Reno, NV. "Immunological biomarkers fail to discriminate between CFS and control subjects", with SR Stevens, H. Singh, D. Peterson, L. Bateman and J.M. VanNess, March, 2009.
- International Association for CFS/ME, Reno, NV. "Assessment issues from biological to behavioral", with J.M. VanNess, SR Stevens, K.T. Kumasake, H. Singh, B. Keller, D. Peterson, L. and J. Montoya, March, 2009.
- International Association for CFS, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. "Using a reaction time paradigm to assess neurocognitive function in CFS", with S.R. Stevens, L. Bateman, TL Stiles and JM VanNess. January, 2007.
- American Association for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Madison, WI. "Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Conditioning: Practical Advice", with S.R. Stevens, 2004.
- American Association for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Madison, WI. "Strength and Conditioning with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome", with S.R. Stevens, 2004.
- Seventh Annual Principal Investigator's Meeting Hemispherx Biopharma, Inc., Hawk's Cay, FL. "RNase-L activity and physical performance in patients with chronic fatigue syndrome", 2001.
- American Association for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Seattle, WA. "Comparison of maximal oxygen consumption and RNase-L enzyme in patients with chronic fatigue syndrome", with J.M. VanNess, S.R. Stevens, M.M. Eberhart, D.M. Fredrickson, J. Benson, D.R. Strayer, and W.A. Carter, 2001.
- Confluences: Converging Concerns a Community of Scholars, Newport, Oregon, "Limits for Performance Enhancement for Human Achievement?" with Martin Gipson, 1997.
- California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA, "Measuring Success in Physical Education: Research Tools for Teachers", 1997.
- Southwest District AAHPERD Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM. "Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS), Physical Activity, and Quality of Life", with Staci Stevens, 1997.
- California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance 62nd Annual State Conference, Santa Clara, CA. "The Coach as Conductor: A Reflection on Knowledge for Coaching", 1995.
- Twenty-Fourth National Conference on Physical Activity for the Exceptional Individual, San Jose, CA. "Urban Orienteering for Severely Handicapped Secondary and Young Adult Transition Students", with J. Boelter, T. Sueyasu, and J. Brown, 1995.
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- Southwest District AAHPERD 60th Annual Convention, Salt Lake City, UT. "The Role of Physical Experience in Education", 1994.

- Southwest District AAHPERD 58th Annual Convention, Phoenix, AZ. "How Young Children Perceive and Judge the Use of Steroids in Sport", 1992.
- Sport Literature Association Annual Conference, Florence, OR, "Sport Literature: Medium and Message", 1990.
- National Association for Physical Education in Higher Education Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, "Scholarship in the Twenty First Century: Implications for Teaching and Learning the Body Of Knowledge", 1990.
- National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association Washington/Oregon Workshop, Seattle, WA. "Recreation and Intramurals: Broadening the Concept", with J. Dow, D. Eller, and L. Tanselli, 1989.
- British Association of Sport Sciences Annual Junior Conference, Staffordshire, England, "The Expressed Fears of Young Children in a Competitive Situation", 1987.

Poster Presentations

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- Pacific Undergraduate Research Conference, Stockton, CA. "Intravenous saline improves physical capacity and improves extracellular water mass in a patient with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome". D. Pratt, T. Stiles, C. Jensen, S. R. Stevens, J.M. VanNess, and C.R. Snell. May 6, 2006
- American Association for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Madison, WI, "Impaired metabolism 24-hours post exercise in chronic fatigue syndrome". J.M. VanNess, C.R. Snell, S.R. Stevens, R. Gibbons-Radin, and B. Keller. October, 2004.
- American College of Sports Medicine 51st Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN. "Exercise capacity and immune function in male and female chronic fatigue syndrome patients". C.R. Snell, J.M. VanNess, D.R. Strayer, and S.R. Stevens. June 3-7, 2004.
- American Association for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Chantilly, VA, "The phenomenology of post-exertional malaise". C.R. Snell, J.M. VanNess, S.R. Stevens, W.L. Dempsey. January 2003.
- American Association for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Chantilly, VA. Gender, exercise capacity, and chronic fatigue syndrome. J.M. VanNess, C.R. Snell, D.R. Strayer, S.R. Stevens, and W.L. Dempsey. January 2003.
- American College of Sports Medicine 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, St. Louis, "Using American Medical Association guidelines for classification of disability in chronic fatigue syndrome". C.R. Snell, J.M. VanNess, S.R. Stevens, W.L. Dempsey, and D.R. Strayer. May 2002.

- American Association for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Seattle, "Chronic fatigue syndrome, Ampligen, and quality of life: a phenomenological perspective". C.R. Snell, S.R. Stevens, and J.M. VanNess, January, 2001.
- American Association for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Seattle, "Can cardiopulmonary exercise testing serve as a diagnostic tool in chronic fatigue syndrome? Results from a multi-center phase-III clinical trial", J.M. VanNess, C.R. Snell, S.R. Stevens, D.M. Fredrickson, R. Ellazar, and D.R. Strayer, January, 2001.
- Experimental Biology 2000 San Diego, CA, "Variability of repeated exercise testing in patients with CFS". C.R. Snell, C.R., J.M. VanNess, J.M., D.M. Fredrickson, D.R. Strayer, K. Treutler, E. LaRosa, E, and S.R. Stevens, April, 2000.
- Experimental Biology 2000, San Diego, Exercise testing in patients with CFS—diagnostic tool?" C.R. Snell, C.R., J.M. VanNess, J.M., D.M. Fredrickson, D.R. Strayer, K. Treutler, E. LaRosa, E, and S.R. Stevens, April, 2000.

#### **Invited Presentations**

- The CFIDS Association of America, Inc. Education and Empowerment Seminar Series, Houston, TX. "Unraveling the Mystery of Post-Exertional Malaise", June, 2007.
- Universidad Politecnica de Aguascalientes, Mexico. "Deporte: Política, Salud, Economica, y Valores", February, 2007.
- University of the Pacific Learning Assessment Workshop. "Oral Summations as an Assessment Technique", 1998.

#### **Grant Proposals**

- UOP Substance Abuse Curriculum Infusion Project, 1997. Awarded: \$500
- Nevada chronic fatigue syndrome support group "think-tank". Dissemination and publication of CFS research. Proposal submitted November, 2000. Requested: \$14,875. Not funded.
- Nevada chronic fatigue syndrome support group "think-tank". Therapeutic exercise for the treatment of CFS. Proposal submitted January, 2001. Requested: \$14,875. Not funded.
- National Institute for Disease and Disability Rehabilitation. Rehabilitation and disability assessment strategies in chronic fatigue and immune system dysfunction syndrome. Proposal submitted October, 2000. Requested: \$445,500. Not funded. Resubmitted October, 2001. Requested: \$450,000
- CFIDS Association of America. Interactions between various bodily systems and CFIDS symptomology. Proposal submitted November, 2001. Requested: \$77,119. Not funded.
- American fibromyalgia Syndrome Association, Inc. Interactions between various bodily symptoms and FMS/CFS symptomology. Proposal Submitted August 2002. Requested \$46,910. Not funded.
- CFIDS Association of America. Cardiovascular, immune, sympathetic and neurologic function in CFIDS. Proposal submitted October 2002. Requested \$79,875. Not funded.
- CFIDS Association of America. Using an Exercise Challenge to Investigate the Pathophysiology of CFIDS. April, 2004, \$80,000. Funded
- CFIDS Association of America. Post-Exertional Pathophysiology in CFIDS. April 2006, \$65,000. Funded

#### **Invited Participation at Conferences and Symposia**

- National Institutes of Health state of the Knowledge Workshop Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Research, Bethesda, ML. April, 2011.
- California Department of Education Health and Physical Education Leadership Conference. Asilomar, CA, 1994.
- Project Teach New Horizons for Health Education in California. Dublin, CA, 1994.

Project Teach New Horizons for Health Education in California. Sacramento, CA, 1999.  
Asheville Institute on General Education, Asheville. NC, 1999.  
Associated New American Colleges/Woodrow Wilson Summer Institute "Renewing the  
Faculty-Institutional Partnership in Faculty Work", Ithaca College, June 14-17, 2000  
Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Assessment Symposium: Immunologic Aspects of Chronic Fatigue  
Syndrome. Bethesda, MD, 2001.

**Chair, Theses and Dissertations**

The contribution of body segments to ball velocity in the overarm throw of skilled male and  
female athletes. Louisa Summers. Master of Arts, 1995.  
The impact of a mandatory wellness program in a fire protection district. Staci R. Stevens.  
Master of Arts, 1997.

**Professional Service**

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee (Chair), U.S. Department of Health and Social  
Security, 2007 to date. Chair, 2010 to 2012.  
San Joaquin County Chronic Disease and Obesity Prevention Task Force, Steering Committee,  
2009 to date  
American Association for Health Education, School Health Education Advocate for University of  
the Pacific, 1997 to date.  
California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, Research Section  
Chair, 1996-1997.  
Member of the Regional Instructional Leadership Team responsible for implementation of the  
California Health Framework and Physical Education Framework, 1993-1994

**Professional Associations**

American College of Sports Medicine  
The CFIDS Association of America, Inc.  
International Association for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.

**Consultancies**

Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company.  
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Galt Joint Union School District.  
Workwell Foundation.

**EXHIBIT B**

## **Cardiopulmonary Exercise Test (CPET) Evaluation Report**

**Name:** Mark Rowell

**Date:** February 15, 2012

**CPET Dates:** January 30, 2012; Test 1  
January 31, 2012; Test 2

### **Findings:**

**Mr. Rowell demonstrates poor functional capacity and a substantial reduction in work capacity in the post-exertional state. This high day to day variability will severely limit his ability to engage in normal activities of daily living and preclude him from full-time work of even a sedentary/stationary nature.**

### **Indications:**

The patient was referred to our lab for global functional evaluation examining metabolic, cardiovascular, pulmonary and cognitive function after experiencing physical stress. Mr. Rowell underwent a cardiopulmonary exercise test-retest over a two-day period. He is 39 years-old, 71.5 inches tall and weighs 180 pounds.

### **Diagnosis:**

Chronic fatigue syndrome

### **Procedure:**

The patient performed symptom limited 15 W/min ramping protocols on a bicycle ergometer while expired gases were collected for determination of oxygen consumption, carbon dioxide production and pulmonary ventilation. Two exercise tests were performed on consecutive days. The heart rate, blood pressure and arterial oxygen saturation were assessed throughout the tests. Pulmonary function testing was performed before the exercise tests to establish baseline resting values. A reaction time test was administered after the second exercise test. Appropriate measures were taken to calibrate and test the accuracy and reliability of the testing equipment on both days. These tests were performed to determine functional capacity and assess the recovery response to a standardized physical stressor.

In the fields of exercise science and medicine, cardiopulmonary exercise testing (CPET) is considered the gold standard for measuring and evaluating functional capacity and fatigue. Position statements and/or guidelines for the performance of this testing are available from the American College of Sports Medicine, American Heart Association, American College of Chest Physicians, American Thoracic Society and the American Medical Association, among others. All endorse this method of testing and acknowledge peak oxygen consumption, only available with CPET, as the most accurate measurement of functional capacity. The Pacific Fatigue Laboratory has adopted this standardized, reliable and accurate tool to evaluate disability in fatigue-related disorders.

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**Conclusions:**1) Assessment of Effort: **Normal**

The patient was cooperative and gave very good effort during both exercise tests. There is no evidence of malingering. Cardiopulmonary exercise testing provides objective measures that can clearly distinguish between indolence and true disability. See page 4, #1 Assessment of Effort.

2) Reproducibility: **Abnormal**

Exercise test-retest reproducibility is a cornerstone tenet of exercise physiology. It possesses both validity and reliability. Day to day test variability is less than 8% for healthy individuals as well as those with cardiac, pulmonary and metabolic disease. Abnormally high variability was seen for ventilation at peak exercise, and oxygen consumption, workload and ventilation at the ventilatory/anaerobic threshold. See page 4, #2 Reproducibility.

3) Metabolic Responses: **Abnormal**

Oxygen consumption values at the ventilatory/anaerobic threshold (30-33% of predicted values) were abnormally low for both tests. Mr. Rowell meets New York Heart Association criteria for moderate to severe functional impairment for Test 2. This represents a metabolic abnormality that provides a limitation for sustaining work. See page 4, #3 Metabolic Responses and page 9, Graph 1.

4) Workload: **Abnormal**

There was high variability in workload at the ventilatory/anaerobic threshold with a drop of 30% Test 1 to Test 2. This is an indication of reduced efficiency at low levels of work in the post-exertional state and provides a limitation for sustaining work. See page 5, #4 Work in Watts and page 9, Graph 2.

5) Cardiovascular Responses: **Normal**

The patient demonstrated a normal resting and exercise ECG response with no arrhythmia or ischemia noted. See page 5, #5 Cardiovascular Responses and page 10, Graph 3.

6) Pulmonary Function: **Abnormal**

Pre-exercise pulmonary function testing was within normal limits. However there was high variability between tests at peak exercise (19% drop) and at the ventilatory/anaerobic threshold (18% drop). This indicates a lack of homeostasis in ventilatory drive. Inadequate ventilatory drive during exercise can result from respiratory muscle fatigue or a breakdown in central respiratory control and may produce an acidotic state contributing to prolonged recovery and muscle soreness. This represents a pulmonary abnormality that provides a limitation for sustaining work. See page 5, #6 Lung Function and page 10, Graph 4.

7) Cognitive Function: **Normal**

The cognitive functions assessed here are best described as timed psychomotor skills requiring focused or sustained attention. The measures used are different from standard neuropsychological tasks. The first simple and choice reaction time tasks are regarded as practice trials. The subsequent sequential reaction time tasks are more complex and test divided attention and memory. See page 5, #7 Cognitive Function.

8) Recovery Response: **Abnormal**

A recovery time of 24 hours or less and minor muscle soreness is considered normal following exercise testing. This patient's recovery time of more than 7 days along with excessive fatigue, pain and symptom exacerbation should be considered an extreme reaction to physical activity. See page 6, #8 Recovery Response.



**Results:**1. Assessment of Effort

The American Heart Association cite peak respiratory exchange ratio (RER) as the most accurate and reliable gauge of subject effort. A peak RER of  $\geq 1.10$  is generally considered an indication of excellent patient effort during cardiopulmonary exercise testing.

Test Criteria	Test 1	Test 2	Criteria Met T1/T2
RER $\geq 1.10$	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
RPE $\geq 17$	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Plateau in VO <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>

2. Reproducibility

Peak Values	Test 1	Test 2	% Change	Reproducible
VO <sub>2</sub>	27.9	27.4	↓2	Yes
HR (bpm)	173	168	↓3	Yes
V <sub>E</sub> (l/min)	74.7	60.3	↓19	No
Workload (W)	204	188	↓<8	Yes
SBP (mmHg)	188	190	↑1	Yes

V/AT Values	Test 1	Test 2	% Change	Reproducible
VO <sub>2</sub>	11.8	10.8	↓8	No
HR (bpm)	104	101	↓3	Yes
V <sub>E</sub> (l/min)	21.3	17.5	↓18	No
Workload (W)	73	51	↓30	No
SBP (mmHg)	152	134	↓12	No

3. Metabolic Responses

Peak Values	Oxygen Consumption (mL/min)	Oxygen Consumption (mL/kg/min)	Percent Predicted (%)
Test 1	2277	27.9	77
Test 2	2239	27.4	76

V/AT Values	Oxygen Consumption (mL/min)	Oxygen Consumption (mL/kg/min)	Percent Predicted (%)
Test 1	967	11.8	33
Test 2	882	10.8	30

#### 4. Work in Watts

Workload	V/AT (W)	Peak (W)	Percent Predicted (%)
Test 1	73	204	88
Test 2	51	188	81

#### 5. Cardiovascular Responses

Heart Rate	Resting Seated (bpm)	V/AT (bpm)	Peak (bpm)	Percent Predicted (%)
Test 1	76	104	173	96
Test 2	78	101	168	93

Blood Pressure	Resting Supine (mmHg)	Resting Seated (mmHg)	Peak (mmHg)
Test 1	132/86	130/88	188/90
Test 2	132/90	124/82	190/90

#### 6. Lung Function

Resting pulmonary function results and pulmonary ventilation data during exercise are shown on the Summary Page.

Ventilation	Maximum Voluntary (L/min)	Respiratory Rate (br/min)	Peak (L/min)	Ventilatory Reserve (%)
Test 1	191	30	74.7	39
Test 2	204	28	60.3	30

Normal Ventilatory Reserve =  $(\text{Peak VE/MVV}) \times 100 \leq 85\%$

#### 7. Cognitive Function

The California Computerized Assessment Package (CalCAP®) was performed to determine simple reaction time with the dominant hand (SRT BASE), choice reaction time (CRT BASE), sequential reaction time with repetition of numbers (CRT SEQ1) and sequential reaction time with numbers in sequence (CRT SEQ2); the following data were obtained:

Test	Post-Test 2	Reaction Time %ile
SRT BASE	252	85
CRT BASE	454	17
CRT SEQ1	662	13
CRT SEQ2	601	60

#### 8. Recovery Response

A post exercise test log was maintained by the patient. Following test 1 the patient reported feeling chest pain, headache and a burning sensation in his legs. The next day these symptoms persisted with the addition of nasal congestion and whole-body soreness. Following test 2 the patient reported feeling physically and mentally drained with headache and body pain. Recovery was not complete 7 days post-testing.

**Summary:**

There was abnormally high variability between tests indicating a “fatigue effect” which manifested itself in a disruption of homeostasis particularly at the ventilatory/anaerobic threshold level of work. This diminished physical working capacity is accompanied by metabolic, pulmonary and recovery anomalies. The high variability between tests and observed physiological abnormalities are inconsistent with deconditioning or poor effort.

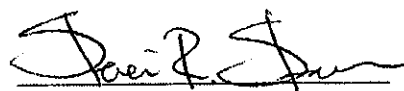
The ventilatory/anaerobic threshold is an important index of the amount of work that can be sustained. Work intensities above the ventilatory/anaerobic threshold require energy production derived from anaerobic sources limiting the duration at which such intensities of effort can be maintained, causing cumulative fatigue and extending recovery time. Most activities of daily living (reading, walking at a normal pace, computer use, office-type work, etc.) are aerobic in nature and healthy individuals are able to perform such activities for prolonged periods of time with no meaningful physical fatigue. If the ventilatory/anaerobic threshold occurs at low oxygen consumption, normal daily activities may exceed the energy demands that can be met through oxidative metabolism, thus requiring anaerobic metabolism to provide energy. This results in early onset fatigue and prolonged recovery.

The patient's reduced work efficiency and Test 2 early onset ventilatory/anaerobic threshold of  $10.8 \text{ ml} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$  of oxygen use indicate moderate to severe functional impairment. Many normal activities of daily living would severely tax Mr. Rowell's capacity to produce energy aerobically. Oxygen demands for tasks such as driving a car, showering or climbing stairs fall in the range of  $10.5$  to  $14 \text{ ml} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$ . Performing such tasks may exceed his ventilatory/anaerobic threshold which is likely to precipitate the onset/exacerbation of symptoms, including excessive fatigue. Mr. Rowell's high variability in work efficiency, metabolic, and pulmonary function and the extensive fatigue and symptom exacerbation experienced following testing indicate an inability to consistently and reliably function in a structured work environment. This is both an objective measure of fatigue and a quantifiable limitation of the patient's ability to function.

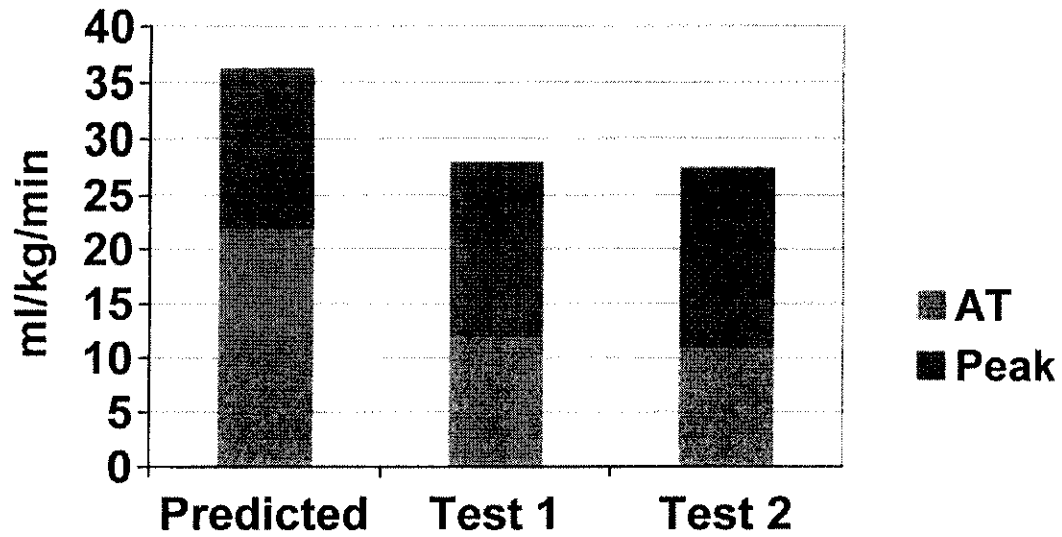
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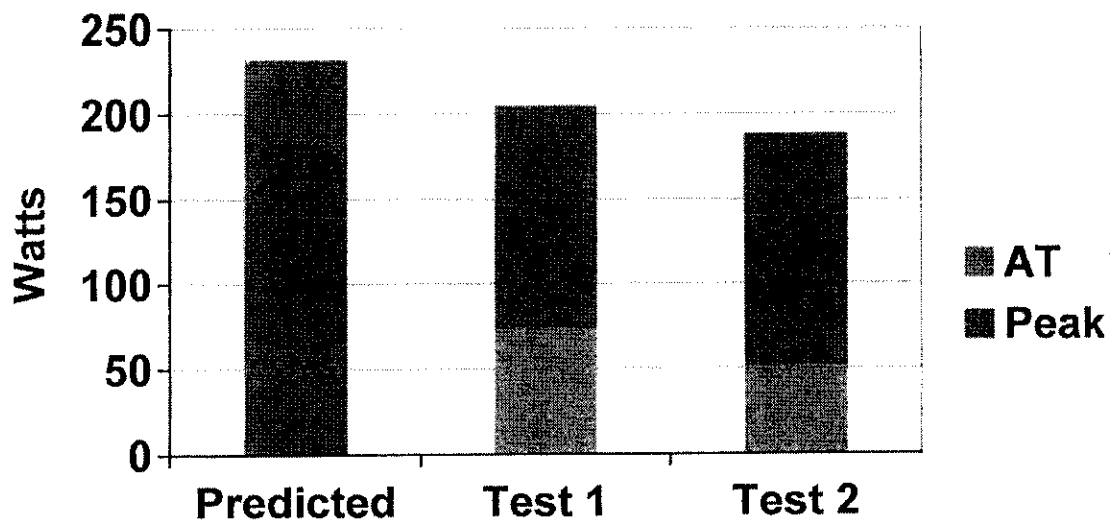
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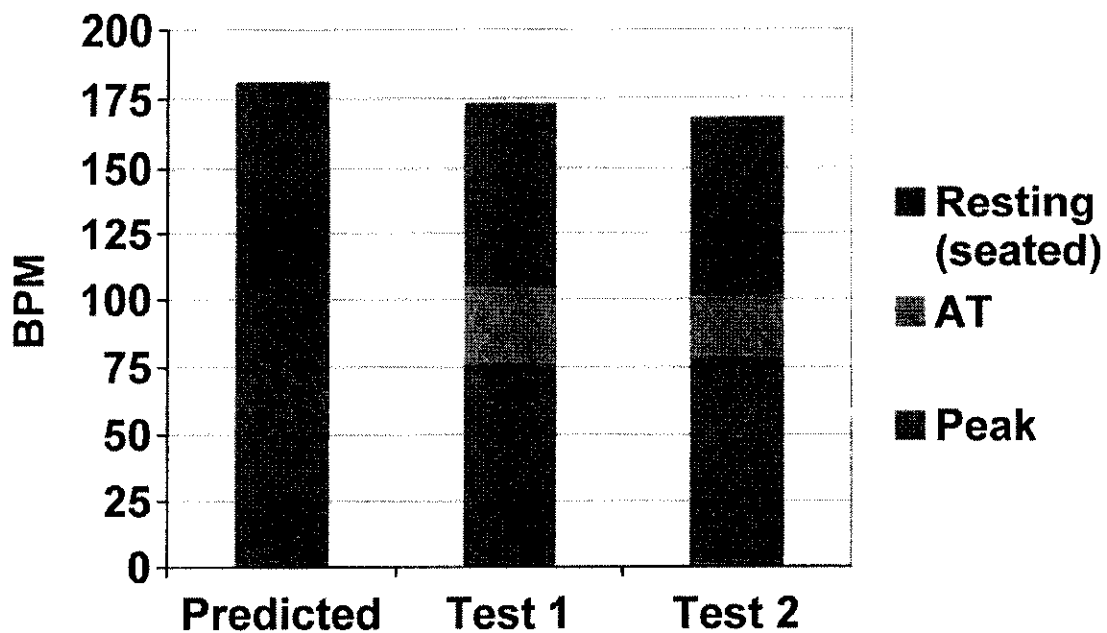
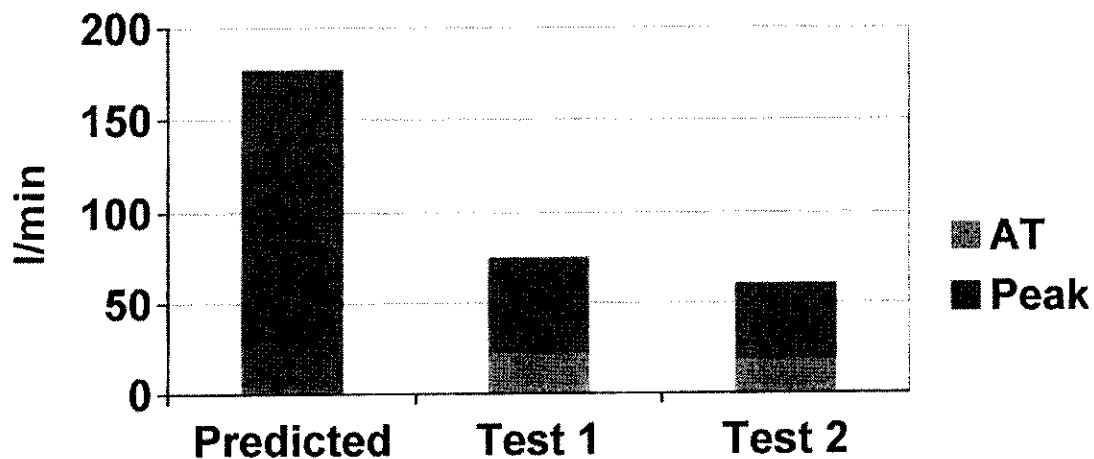


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**Graph 1: Oxygen Consumption**

\*The predicted AT for oxygen consumption is the center section of the column, which is a window of 40% to 60% of the the predicted peak value.

**Graph 2: Workload**

**Graph 3: Heart Rate****Graph 4: Ventilation**

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Test/Rest Summary

*Pulmonary Function Testing*

	Best	Prod	% Prod
FVC	5.61	5.57	100
FEV1	4.66	4.43	105
MEV	191	172	111

TEST 1

*Resting Temperature*

98.0°F

*Cycle Ergometer Test*

Time	VE	VO2	RER	HR	Load	BP	RPE
(min)	(ml/kg/min)	(ml/kg/min)			(watts)		
Supine							
Seated							
Rest	9.2	3.7	0.86	76	0	130/88	7
Test							
1	14.3	7.4	0.72	97	0	144/86	7
3	15.0	7.8	0.81	92	29	146/86	7
5	18.3	9.1	0.86	99	58	146/82	8
7	28.5	13.5	1.05	114	89	164/84	9
9	35.5	15.3	1.16	132	118	170/90	13
11	44.2	19.4	1.12	147	148	188/90	15
13	56.3	23.1	1.16	164	179	188/90	17
Peak	74.7	27.9	1.22	173	204	188/90	18
Recovery							
1	53.8	17.0	1.46	156	0	160/78	
2	36.3	10.0	1.47	146	0	159/78	

Total Test Time:

14:47

VO2 max:

27.9

Max watts:

204

AT:

73 watts 5:57

HR @ AT:

104

VO2 @ AT:

11.8

*Pulmonary Function Testing*

	Best	Prod	% Prod
FVC	5.72	5.57	102
FEV1	4.76	4.43	107
MEV	204	172	118

TEST 2

*Resting Temperature*

98.4°F

*Cycle Ergometer Test*

Time	VE	VO2	RER	HR	Load	BP	RPE
(min)	(ml/kg/min)	(ml/kg/min)			(watts)		
Supine							
Seated							
Rest	6.2	2.4	0.83	78	0	130/82	7
Test							
1	14.5	7.2	0.81	97	0	132/84	7
3	13.2	7.8	0.78	93	27	138/80	8
5	22.5	12.1	0.86	103	57	134/80	9
7	30.7	15.7	1.09	115	88	164/84	11
9	27.0	15.5	0.97	135	118	183/90	15
11	44.8	21.6	1.10	149	148	188/92	17
13	58.9	27.4	1.11	166	178	186/92	20
Peak	60.3	27.4	1.13	168	188	190/90	20
Recovery							
1	27.8	9.3	1.52	143	0	170/80	
2	27.1	8.7	1.58	137	0	170/80	

Total Test Time:

13:36

VO2 max:

27.4

Max watts:

188

AT:

51 watts 4:32

HR @ AT:

101

VO2 @ AT:

10.8



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